

JEROME FORCED BY JACKSON TO TAKE ACTION ON BANKS

District-Attorney Decides After Receiving Three Letters From Attorney-General to Keep Special Grand Jury Exclusively at Work on Them.

It was announced at the District-Attorney's office to-day that the Special Grand Jury which Justice Dowling will swear in on Jan. 2, 1908, will exclusively devote itself to an examination of the affairs of the Hamilton Bank, the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society and—perhaps—the Knickerbocker Trust Company. At about the time District-Attorney Jerome's Special Grand Jury gets to work on crooked banking and bankers in New York County, banking officers under indictment in Brooklyn will be placed on trial.

The related announcement of the intention of the District-Attorney of New York County to busy himself with matters of a criminal nature in connection with embarrassed Manhattan financial institutions follows closely upon information received at the Criminal Courts Building that Attorney-General Jackson was about to ask Mr. Jerome to do something.

Letters from Jackson. And coincidentally with the District-Attorney's declaration, he received several letters from the Attorney-General. One of them is as follows:

Dec. 11, 1907.
Hon. William T. Jerome, District-Attorney, New York City.
Dear Sir: There is in the possession of the State Banking Department and of Mr. Goodwin Brown, the temporary receiver of the International Bank of Commerce of New York, evidence which, in my judgment, should be submitted to the Grand Jury of this county. Indicating, as it does, ACTS OF A CRIMINAL NATURE on the part of an officer or officers of the said company in connection with its organization and management. Yours truly,
W. S. JACKSON,
Attorney-General.

Another letter to Mr. Jerome from Mr. Jackson reads:

December 11, 1907.
Hon. William T. Jerome, District-Attorney, New York City.
Dear Sir: Herewith inclosed I hand you a copy of the report transmitted to me Dec. 9, 1907, by Frank White, temporary receiver of the Hamilton Bank of New York City, in which he sets forth, certain overdrafts made by William R. Montgomery, the vice-president and a director of said bank at the time thereof. Said transactions APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE VIOLATIONS OF THE PENAL CODE. Your attention is called to the matter for appropriate official action. Yours truly,
W. S. JACKSON,
Attorney-General.

And here is still another letter which Mr. Jackson addressed to Mr. Jerome: Dec. 11, 1907.
Hon. William T. Jerome, District-Attorney, New York City.
Dear Sir: Your attention is called to the fact that by papers, proceedings and documents now on file in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance of this State, the CRIME OF PERJURY, as well as OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES appear to have been committed in the organization of the Excelsior Fire Insurance Company, of New York, and that some at least of these offenses were committed within the County of New York, in or about the month of August last. Tours truly,
W. S. JACKSON,
Attorney-General.

Decision Suddenly Reached. Mr. Jerome's sudden determination to take up matters which might have engaged his attention weeks ago was born overnight. To an Evening World reporter who called upon him late yesterday afternoon and asked him if he contemplated taking any action upon the evidence gathered by the State Superintendent of Banks concerning various banks, he replied:

Help Wanted To-Day!

As advertised for in The Morning World's Want Directory.

THURSDAY, Dec. 12, 1907.	
Agents	4
Blacksmiths	2
Boys	12
Bushmen	3
Carpenters	2
Cashiers	2
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